(c) how many vans are likely to be put on the road in the near future in Delhi and other major cities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) ITDC deployed two Yatri Vans in Delhi during 1982-83 at a cost of Rs. 4.91 lakhs.

(b) Information is as under:

Year	Estimated Profit/Loss (+) (—) (Rs. in lakhs)
1982-83	(—) 0.95
1983-84 (provisional)(upto 1.8.83)	(—)0.42

Due to uneconomic operation, these Vans were discontinued with effect from 2.8.1983.

(c) The Corporation does not have any plan to introduce the Yatri Vans in Delhi or in other major cities in the country.

Heavy loss due to S.T.C. cardamom export deal

1537. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has lost over Rs. 1 crore in foreign exchange due to S.T.C. 'blunders' on cardamom export deal as reported in the Business Standard dated the 21st June, 1984;

(b) if so, what corrective steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that cardamom production has gone down despite major breakthrough in agricultural research and development and if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to improve the production of cardamom?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The decline in cardamom production was mainly due to un-precedented drought which prevailed during the last two years. The major steps taken by the Government to boost the production are as under;

1. Replanting loan-cum-subsidy scheme for small growers.

2. Extension of Replantation loan-cum-subsidy scheme to large growers.

3. Production of seedlings in polythene bags in certified nurseries to distribute among the growers.

4. Opening of 200 certified nurseries for producing 24,000 seedlings of cardamom annually to distribute among the growers.

Production of spices

1538. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the spices grown in our country and are available for export;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to set up a spices Board for export promotion as well as for encouraging its production;

(c) if so, by when the Board is likely to set up;

(d) what have been the foreign exchange earnings from export of spices item-wise during the last three years;

(e) what other steps are being taken to increase the production of spices in the country;

(f) whether any spices are also being imported; and

(g) if so, what are the details in this regard and the amount spent on their import, item-wise, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) The spices grown in our country and available for export are pepper, cardamom, chillies, ginger, turmeric, coriander seed, cumin seed, celery seed, fennel seed, fenugreek seed, etc.

(b) and (c) A Committee has been constituted to examine all aspects of the problems relating to marketing and exports of spices, to evolve a comprehensive policy in this regard and to recommend the appropriate institutional arrangement for its implementation.

(d) A statement (No. 1) is enclosed.

(e) The steps being taken to increase the production of the spices in the country include rejuvenation and fresh planting programme for pepper in Kerala, maintenance of progeny gardens, demonstration plots for clove and nutmeg including distribution of seedlings. Additionally there are other State sector and Central Sector schemes for increasing the spices production in the country.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) A statement (No. 2) is enclosed.

Statement I

Item-wise exports of major spices during the last three years

(Provisional)

(Value in '000 Rs)

Name of the Item	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
Pepper	279,837	293,870	413,470
Chillies	42,060	123,544	87,827
Cardamom	311,100	162,300	57,100
Dry Ginger	39,523	58,849	119,016
Turmeric	51,743	42,354	110,550
Curry Powder	20,018	33,608	31,724
Coriander Seed	12,333	44,594	52,231
Celery Seed	11,170	14,070	23,711
Fennel Seed	8,874	7,118	21,885
Fenugreek Seed	13,392	16,836	21,958

Statement II

The total imports of Spices during 1980-81 and 1981-82 were of the order of Rs. 18.28 crores and Rs. 19.68 crores respectively (Figures beyond 1981-82 are not available. The itsem-wise imports of major spices during the years 1980-81 and 1981-82 are given below :—

(Valve in Rs. lahhs)

Item	1980-81	1981-82
Chillies . . .	0·43	11·70
Pepper, long . .	32·57	45·01
cassia . .	168·51	323·97
Cinnamon bark .	53·28	78·93
Cloves, extracted .	1213·83	1120·35
Cloves, not extracted	173·34	145·82
Nutmegs . .	46·32	50·57
Mace . . .	23·25	20·96
Cariander Seed .	7·48	5·49
Cumin black . .	26·98	8·48
Ginger, fresh . .	9·51	31·01
Ginger, unbleached .	7·10	11·08
Ginger, bleached .	2·54	3·65
Ginger Powder. .	1·95	15·87

Income-tax dues of film personalities

1539. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of film actors and actresses who have not so far cleared their income-tax dues;

(b) what action Government have so far taken to recover the dues from these film personalities; and

(c) whether in order to curb the tendency of tax evasion, Government propose to take any penal action against such defaulters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHNA POOJARY): (a) The Department maintains special dossiers in cases where tax arrears exceed Rs. 1 lakh. The statement of such persons against whom such arrears are outstanding as on 31.3.1984 is annexed.

(b) Depending upon the facts and circumstances of each case, appropriate steps, according to law, are taken to recover the demands outstanding. These steps include imposition of penalty under section 221 of the I.T. Act and the resorting to proceedings under section 226(3) of the I.T. Act and attachment of movable and immovable properties of the defaulters.

(c) Penal action is taken against the tax evaders where-ever it is called for. The Government also takes all possible measures, including administrative, legislative and institutional to check tax evasion.

Statement

Names of the film actors and acteresses against whom income-tax demands exceeding Rs. 1 lakh, were outstanding as on 31.3.1984.

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Ganeshan V. C.
2.	Hema Malini
3.	Jitender Kapoor
4.	Malika V. Sarabhai
5.	Nageshwar Rao Akkineni
6.	Ralhan O. P.
7.	Ranbir Raj Kapoor
8.	Sohan Lal Kanwar
9.	Kishore Kumar Ganguly
10.	Kalpana K.
11.	Mohd. Ibrahim E.
12.	Nasirkhan Sarvarkhan (Decd) L/H Smt. Begam Para
13.	Jatin Alias Rajesh Khanna
14.	Sheila Sethi (Smt.)
15.	S. Swaran Singh
16.	S. Surinder Singh L/H S. Gurbux Singh.
17.	Rajni Kant R.
18.	Kushaljit Singh Juneja